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a whole, and commends their business methods. At Shanghai the author turned his gold dollars over to the China Inland Mission, and received sight drafts on any place where they have central stations. He says he never saw money go farther than the missionaries in China make it go in accomplishing the purposes for which it is given. The illustrations, all photographs, are good and interesting.

Switzerland Picturesque and Descriptive, by Joel Cook. viii and 519 pp., 25 full-page illustrations and Index. Henry T. Coates & Co., Philadelphia, 1904.

This scenic description of the Alps is largely the result of the author's personal observations. He combines with his description much of the history and romance of these glorious regions, which have had so important a share in many a stirring episode of the past centuries in Europe. The book is not at all on the guide-book order, but nearly every page contains hints that will be useful to tourists. The title should really have included mention of the Rhine. The American visitors, in coming or going, usually follow the Rhine up or down, and over half of the volume is given to the panorama of this storied river, its delta and cities and the show places of the Netherlands. With the aid of first-rate maps of Switzerland and the Rhine the reader may get an excellent general idea of the whole complex of the Alps and of the régime of the Rhine from its sources to the sea.

Zwanzig Jahre in Süd-Africa. By August Einwald. viii and 136 pp., and a sketch map. Gebrüder Jänecke, Hannover, 1901.

The writer travelled extensively in South Africa and lived in several parts of it. There is little in his book, excepting in the brief historical section with which it opens, that is not derived from his own observation or experience. His material is interesting and unhackneyed and much of it is not found in the usual books of reference. He notes the presence of gold in Zululand and says it has been easy to find it in exposed reefs without a microscope. He says that the famous diamond, the Star of South Africa, came to light in this way. No one had supposed that diamonds were included among the rubbish collected by witch doctors for use in their incantations and spells; but this gem in the rough, weighing $83\frac{1}{2}$ carats, was discovered near Hopetown by a farmer named Nieuwkerk in a leather pocket hung on the neck of a Kaffir wizard. Nieuwkerk traded a wagon and a number of cattle for the precious stone, which he sold for nearly \$55,000.